The Garden in the Brain

I. Within my Garden, rides a Bird

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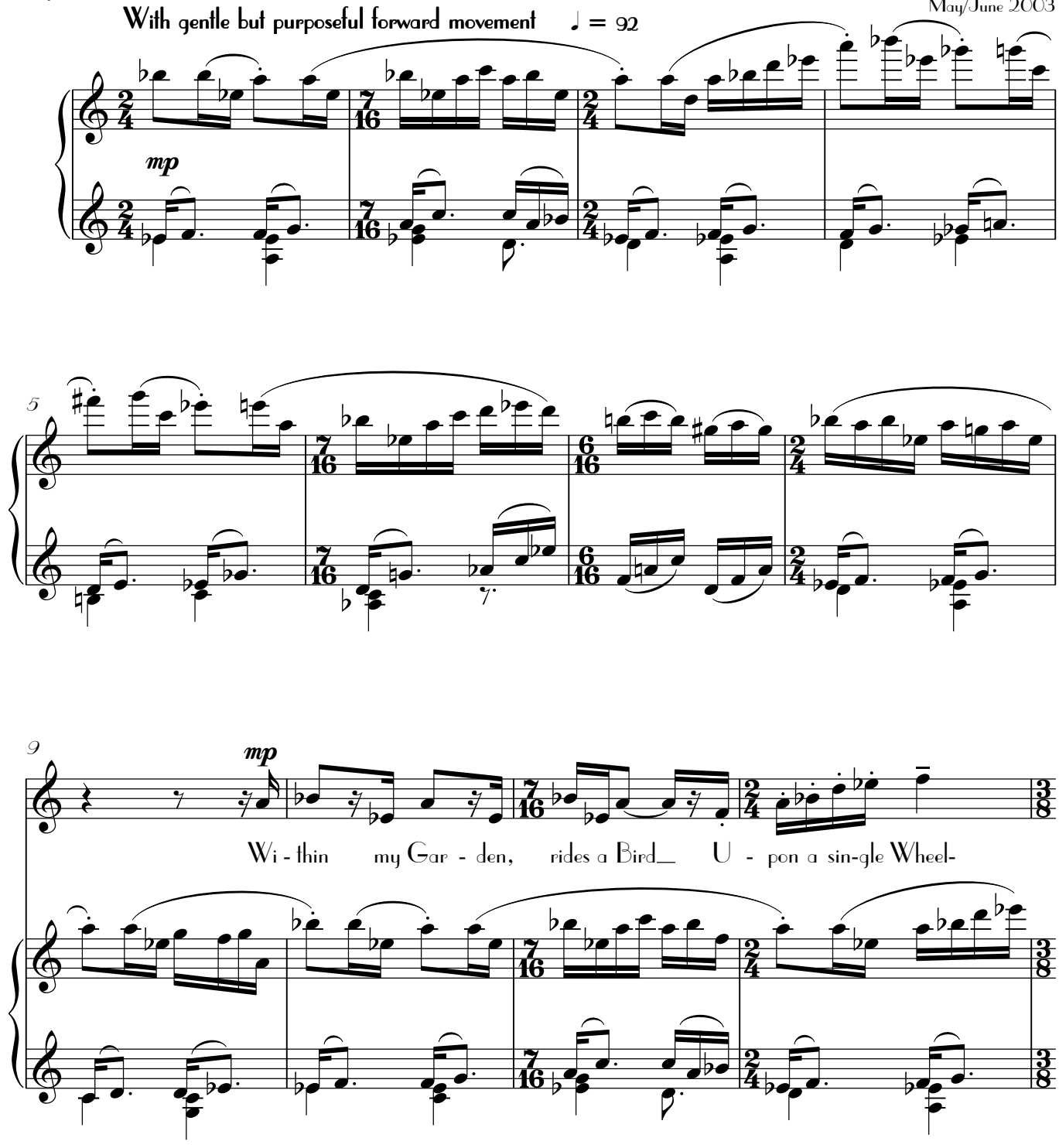
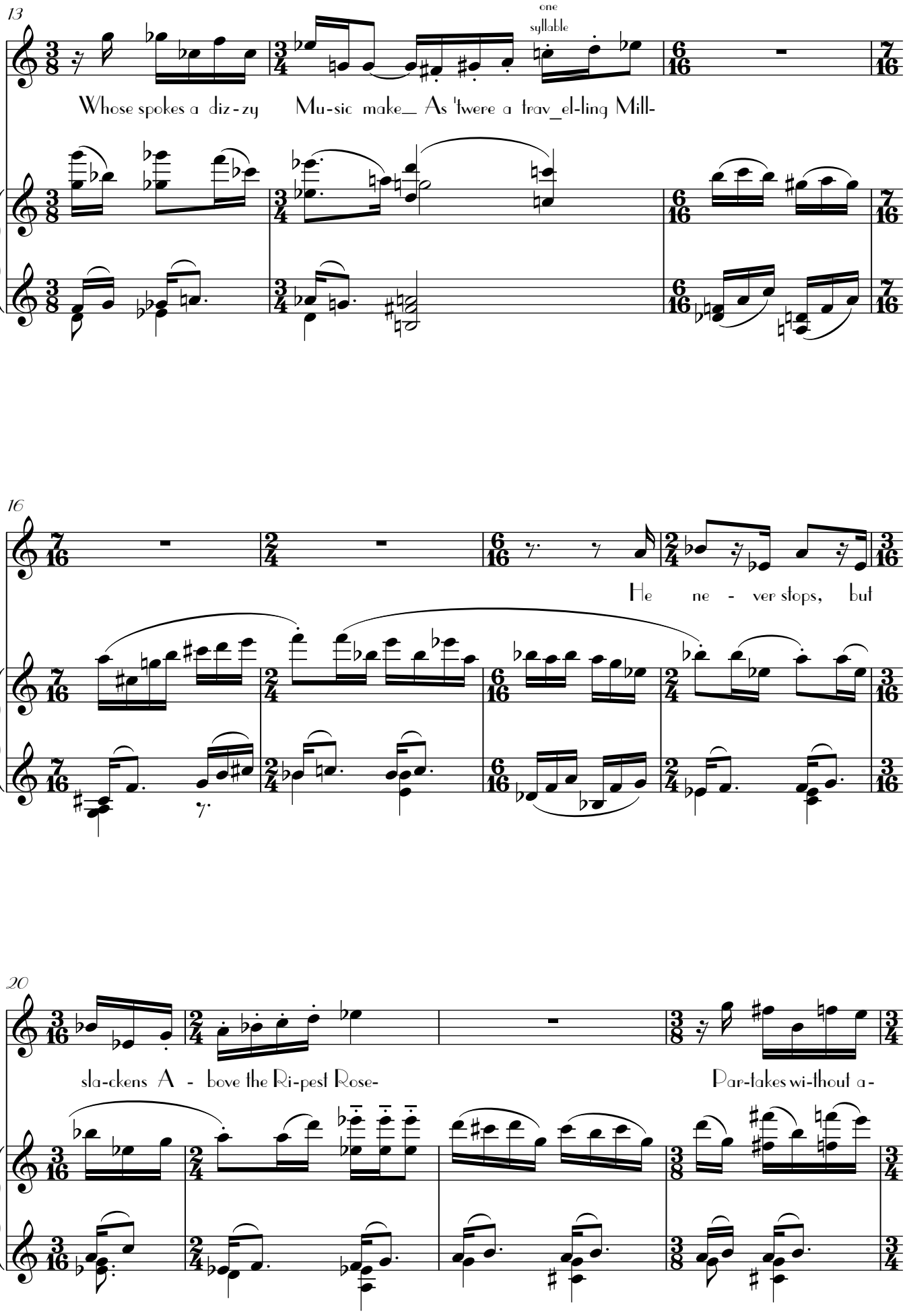
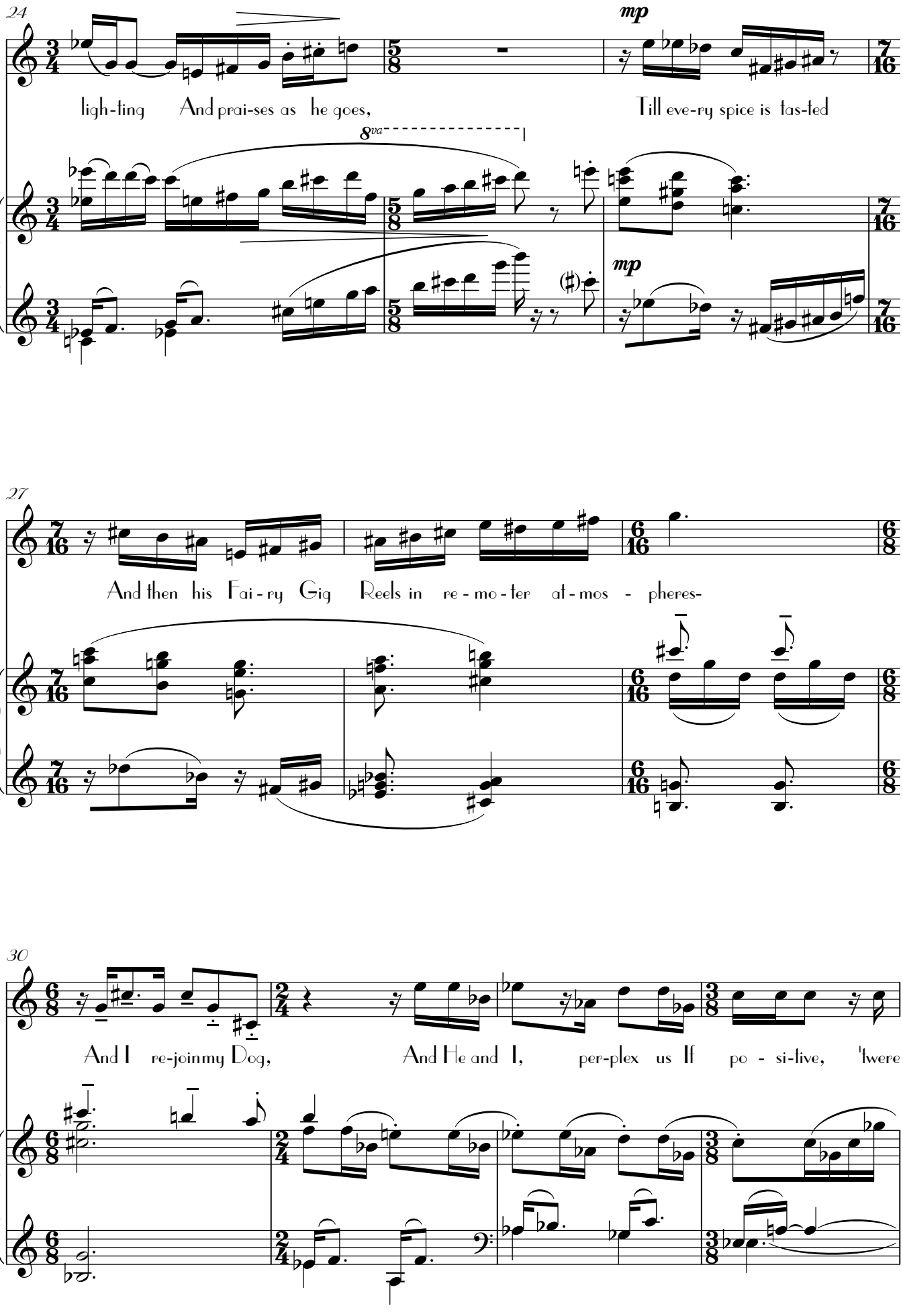
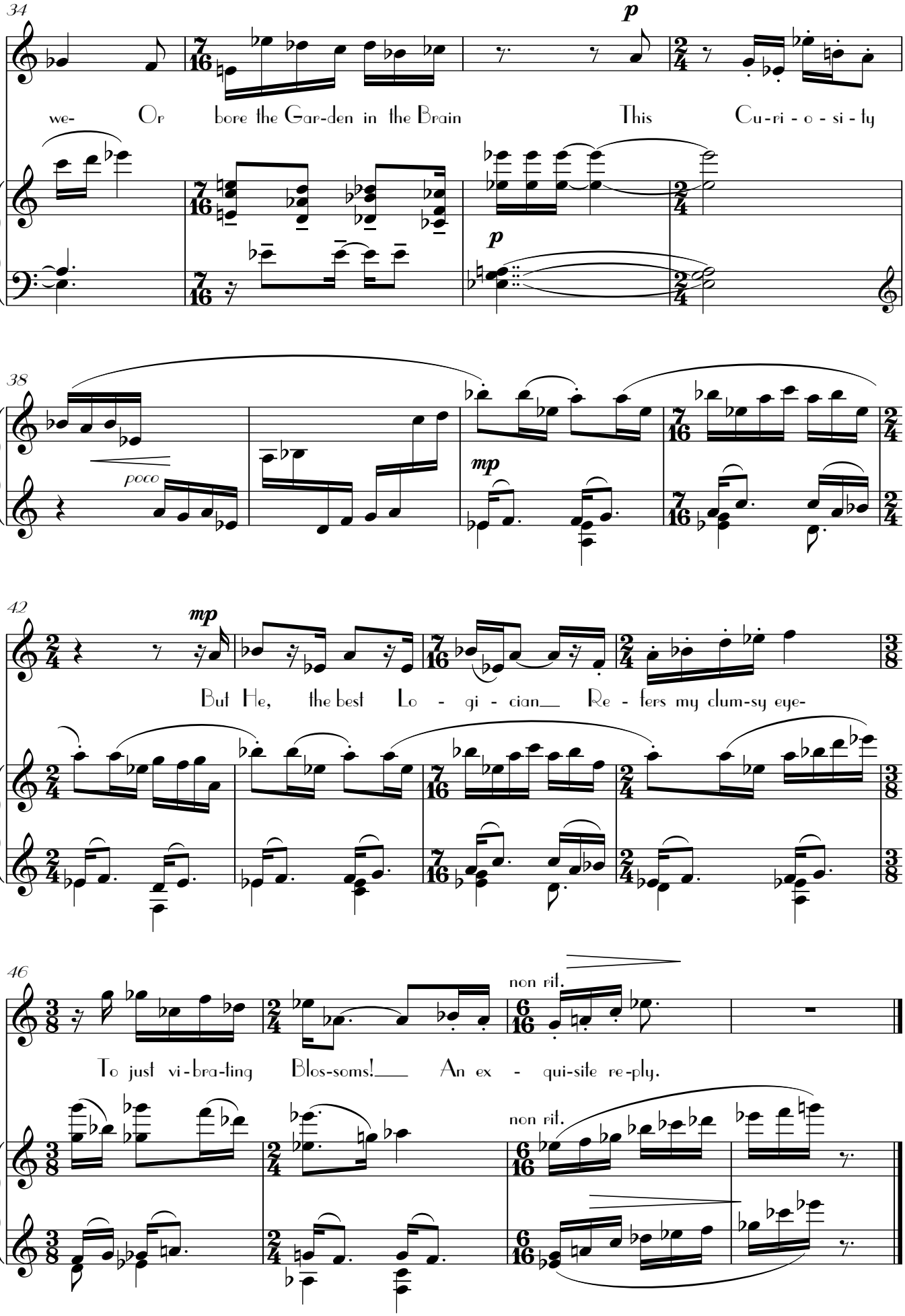
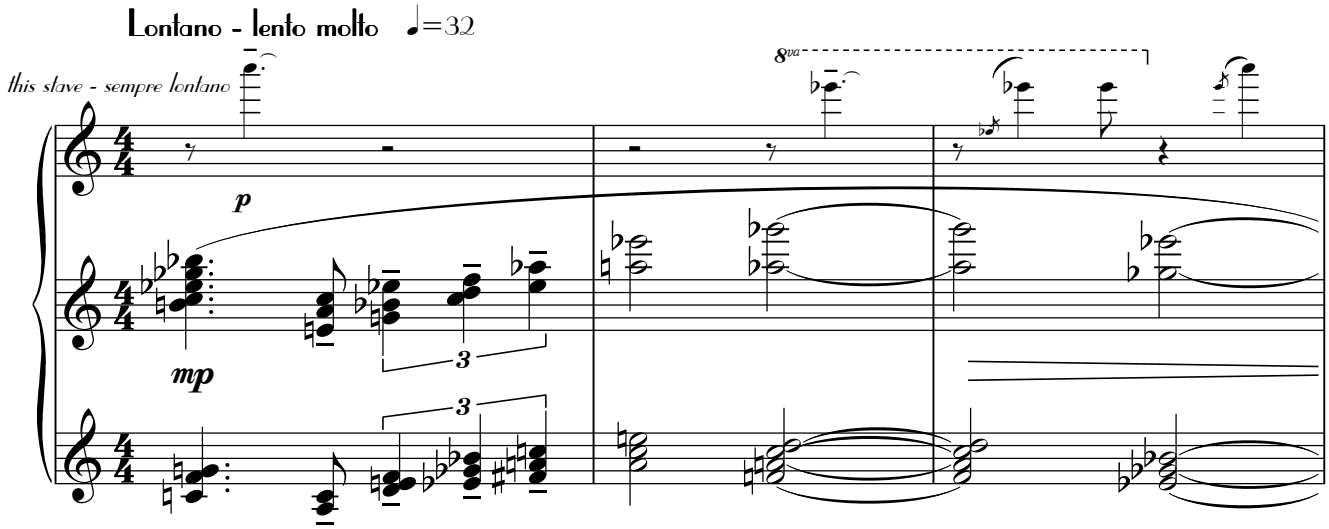


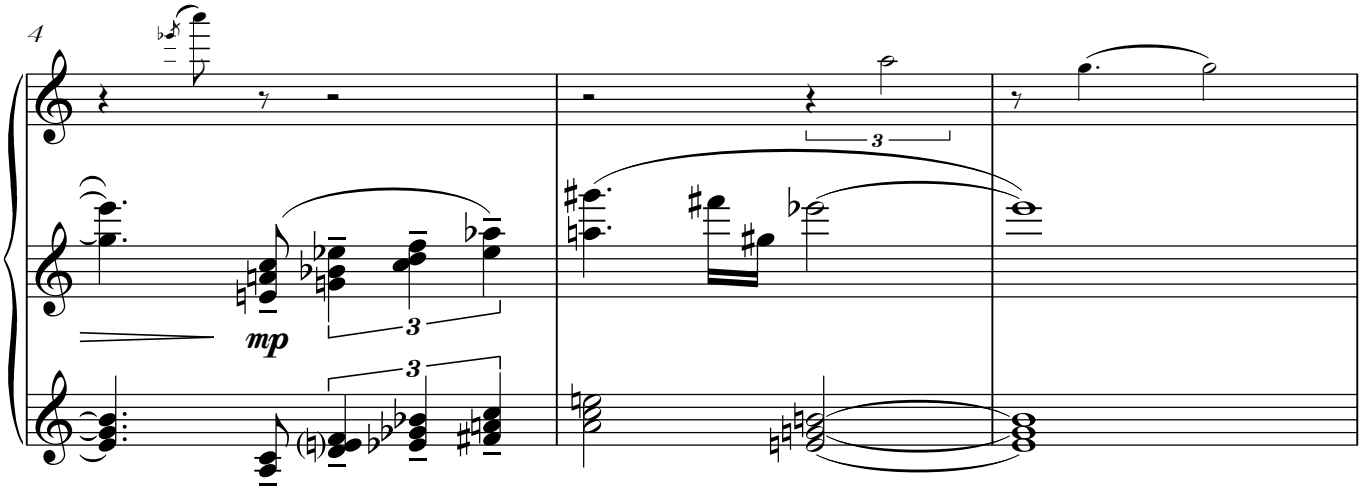

13
one
syllable
Whose spokes a diz-zy Mu-sic make_ As 'twere a trav_el-ling Mill-
16
He ne - ver stops, but
20
sla-ckens A - bove the Ri-pest Rose-
Par-takes wi-thout a-

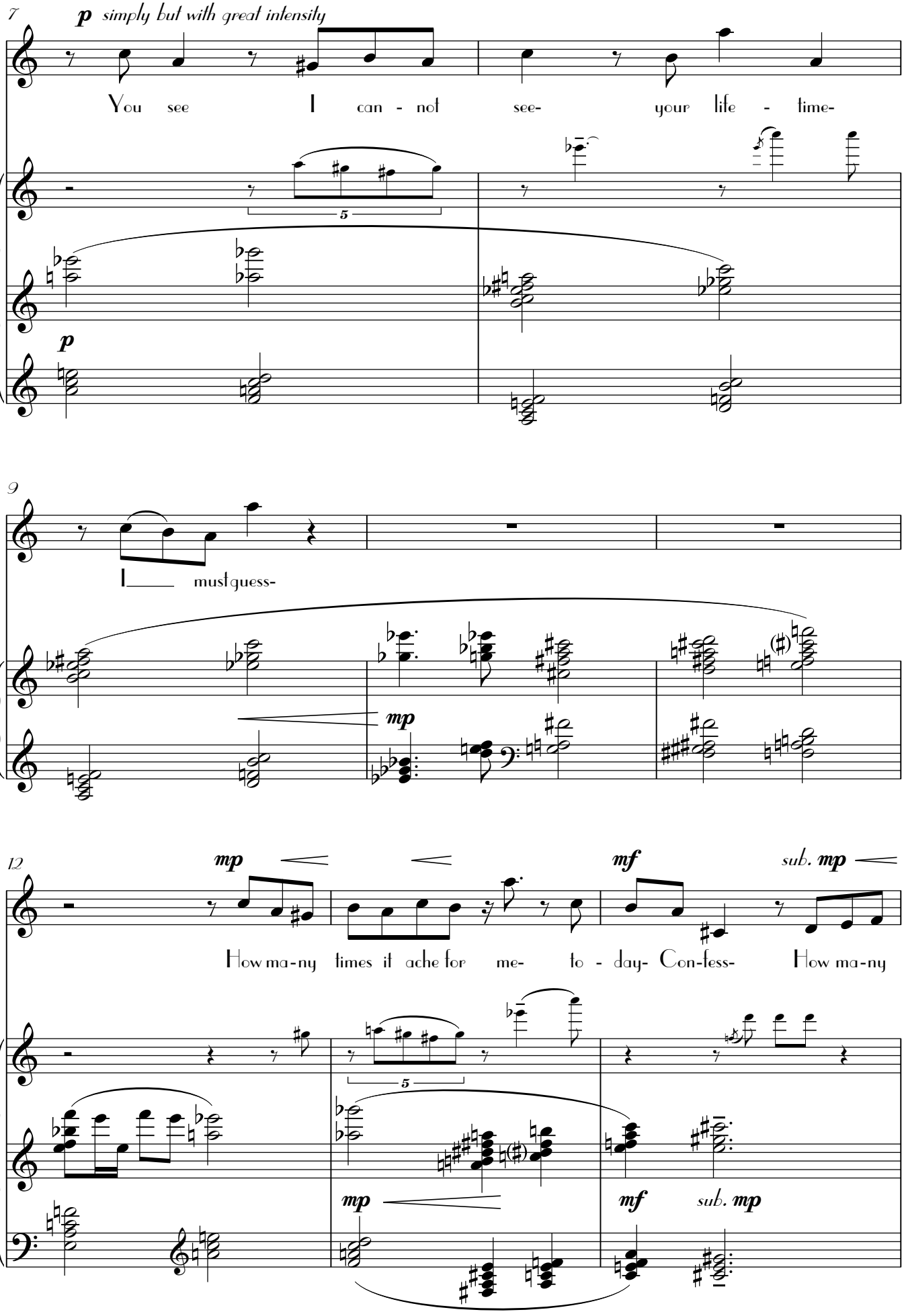

24
mp
ligh-ting And prai-ses as he goes,
Till eve-ry spice is tas-ted
8va
mp
27
And then his Fai-ry Gig Reels in re-mo-ter at-mos - pheres-
30
And I re-joinmy Dog, And He and I, per-plex us If po - si-tive, 'twere

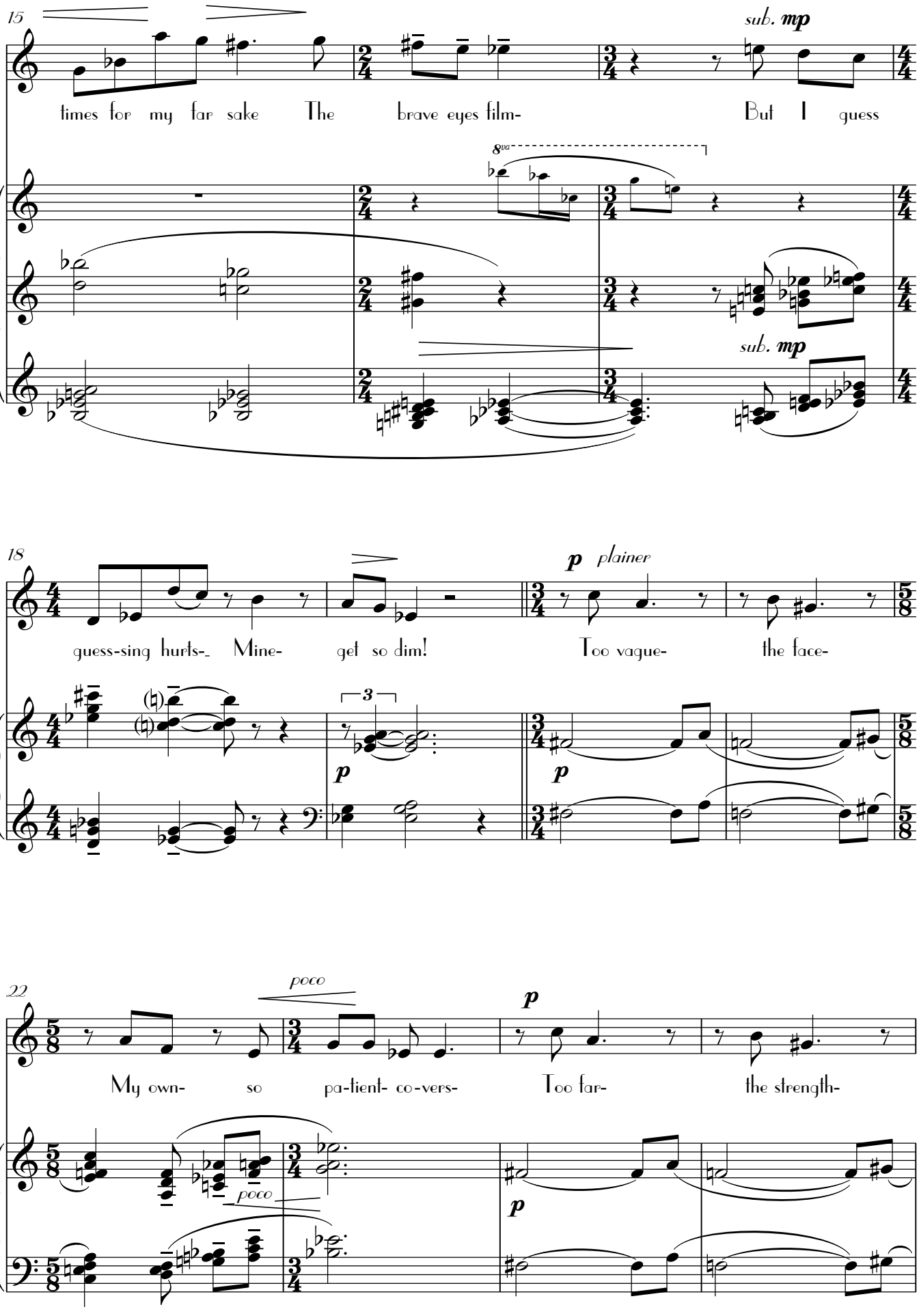

34
p
we- Or bore the Gar-den in the Brain This Cu-ri - o - si - ty
p
38
poco
mp
42
mp
But He, the best Lo - gi - cian Re - fers my clum-sy eye-
46
non ril.
To just vi-bra-ting Blos-soms! An ex - qui-site re-ply.
non ril.

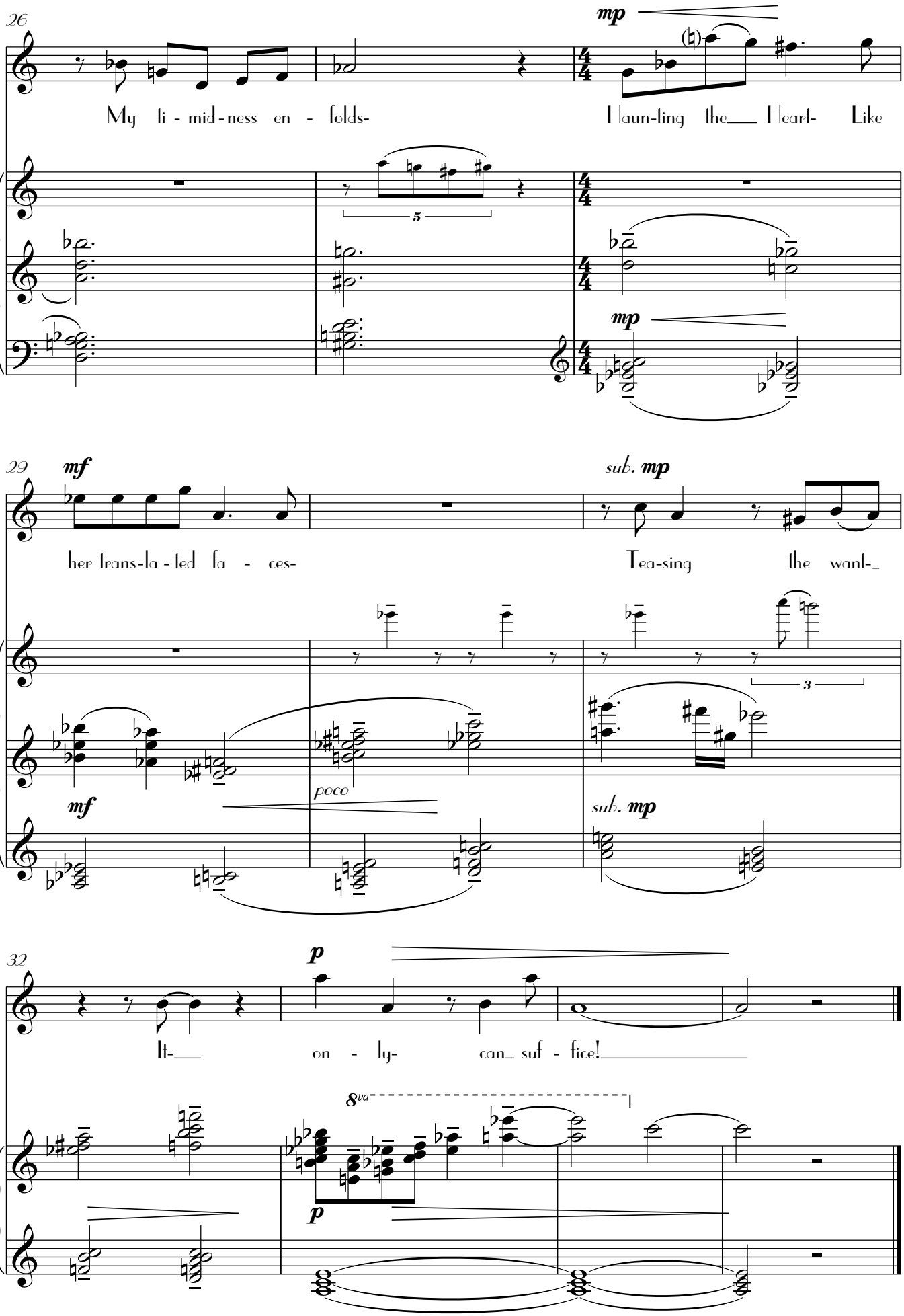
II. You see I cannot see - your lifetime



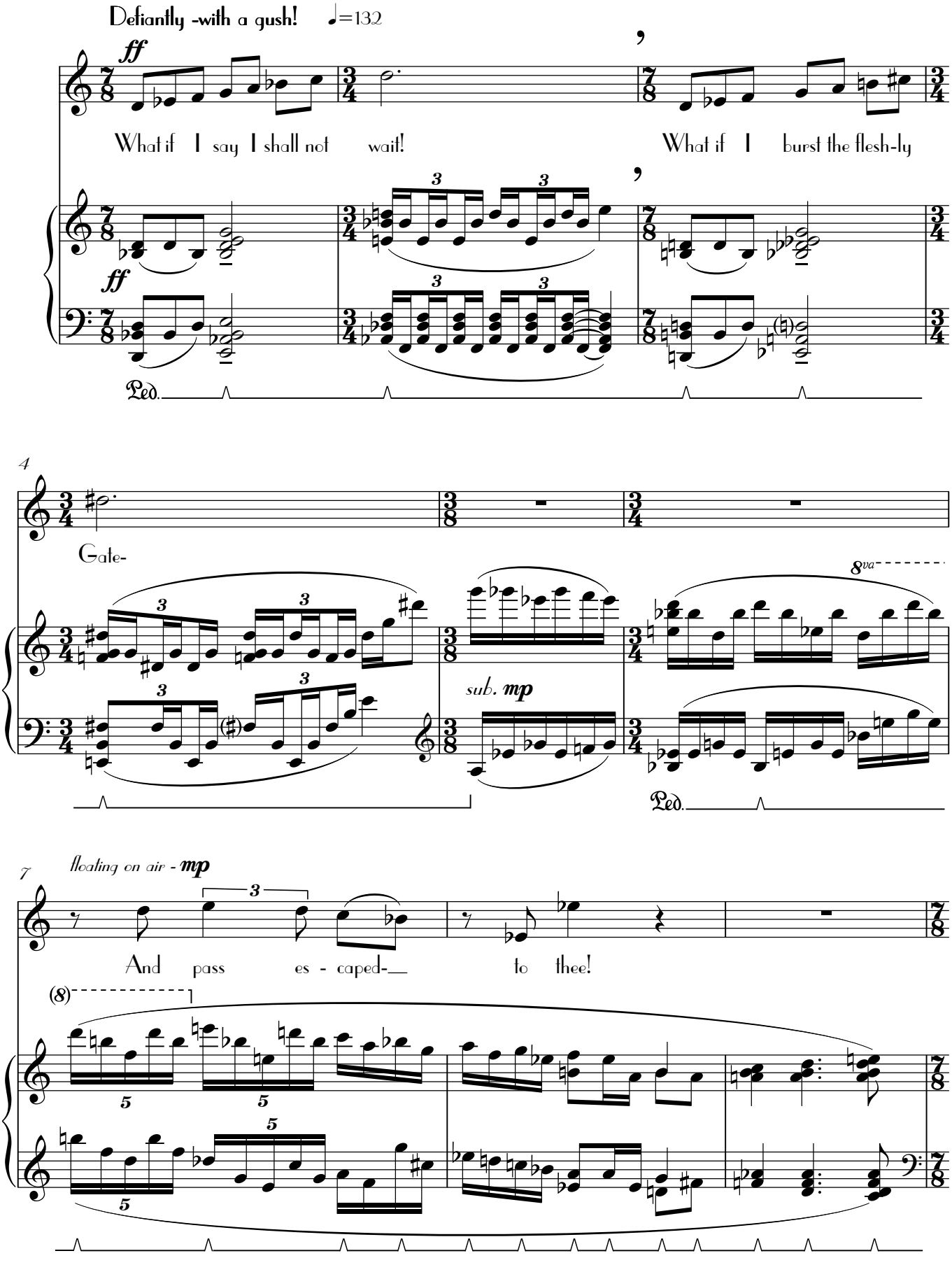


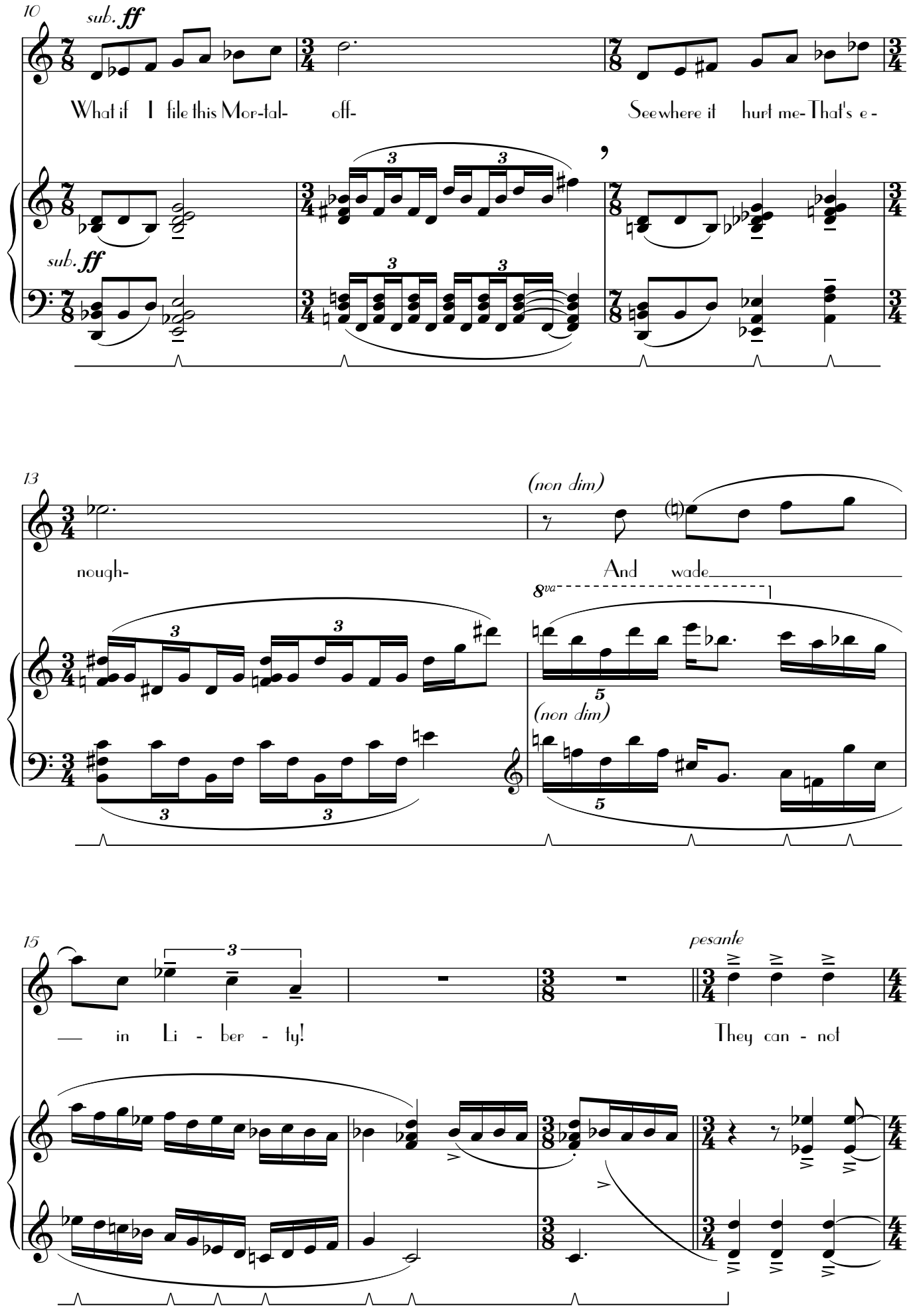

7
p simply but with great intensity
You see I can - not see- your life - time-
5
p
9
I must guess-
mp
12
mp
mf
sub. mp
How ma-ny times it ache for me- to - day- Con-fess- How ma-ny
5
mp
mf
sub. mp

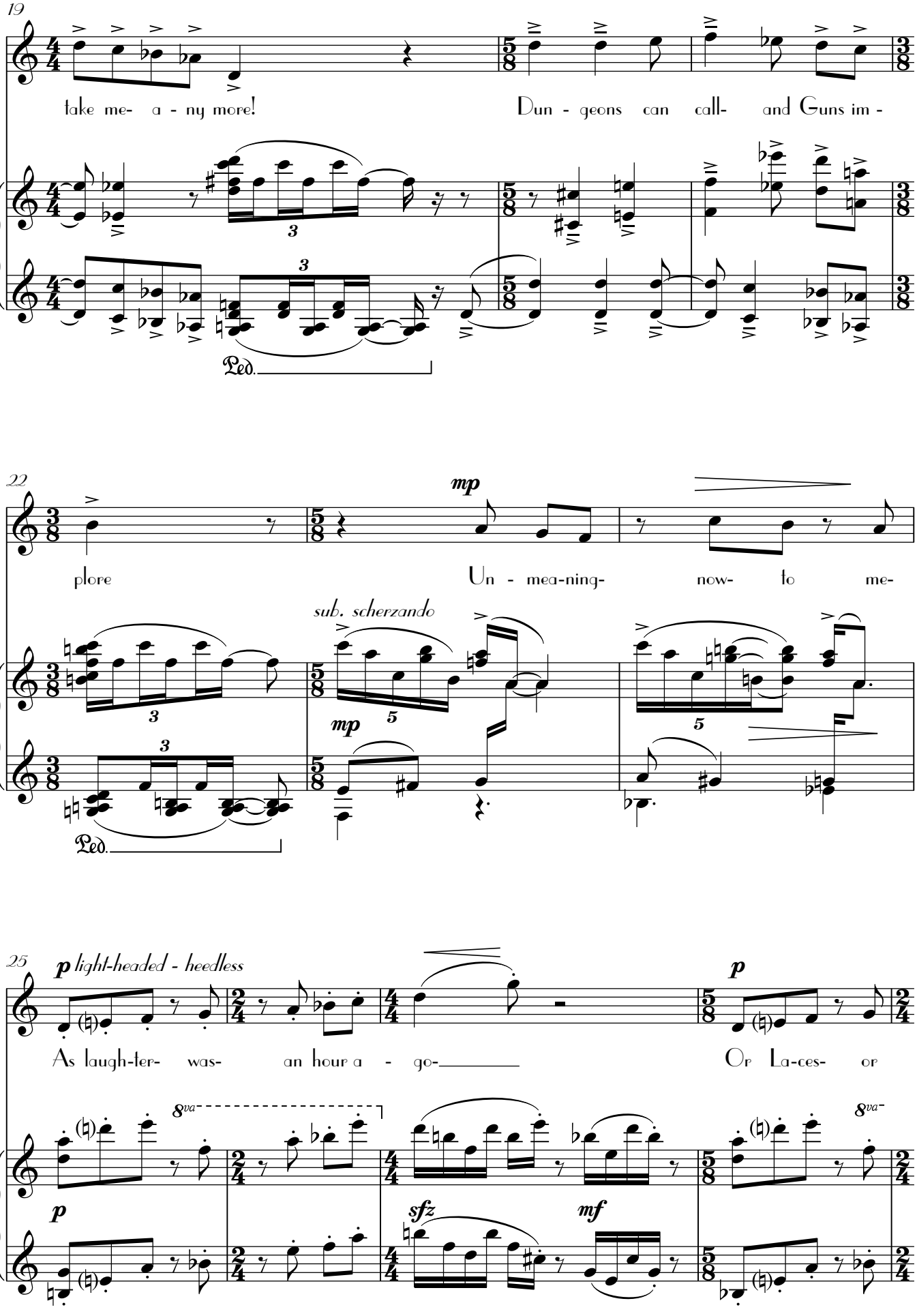

15
sub. mp
times for my far sake The brave eyes film- But I guess
8va
sub. mp
18
p plainer
guess-sing hurts- Mine- get so dim! Too vague- the face-
3
p
p
22
poco
p
My own- so pa-tient- co-vers- Too far- the strength-
poco
p

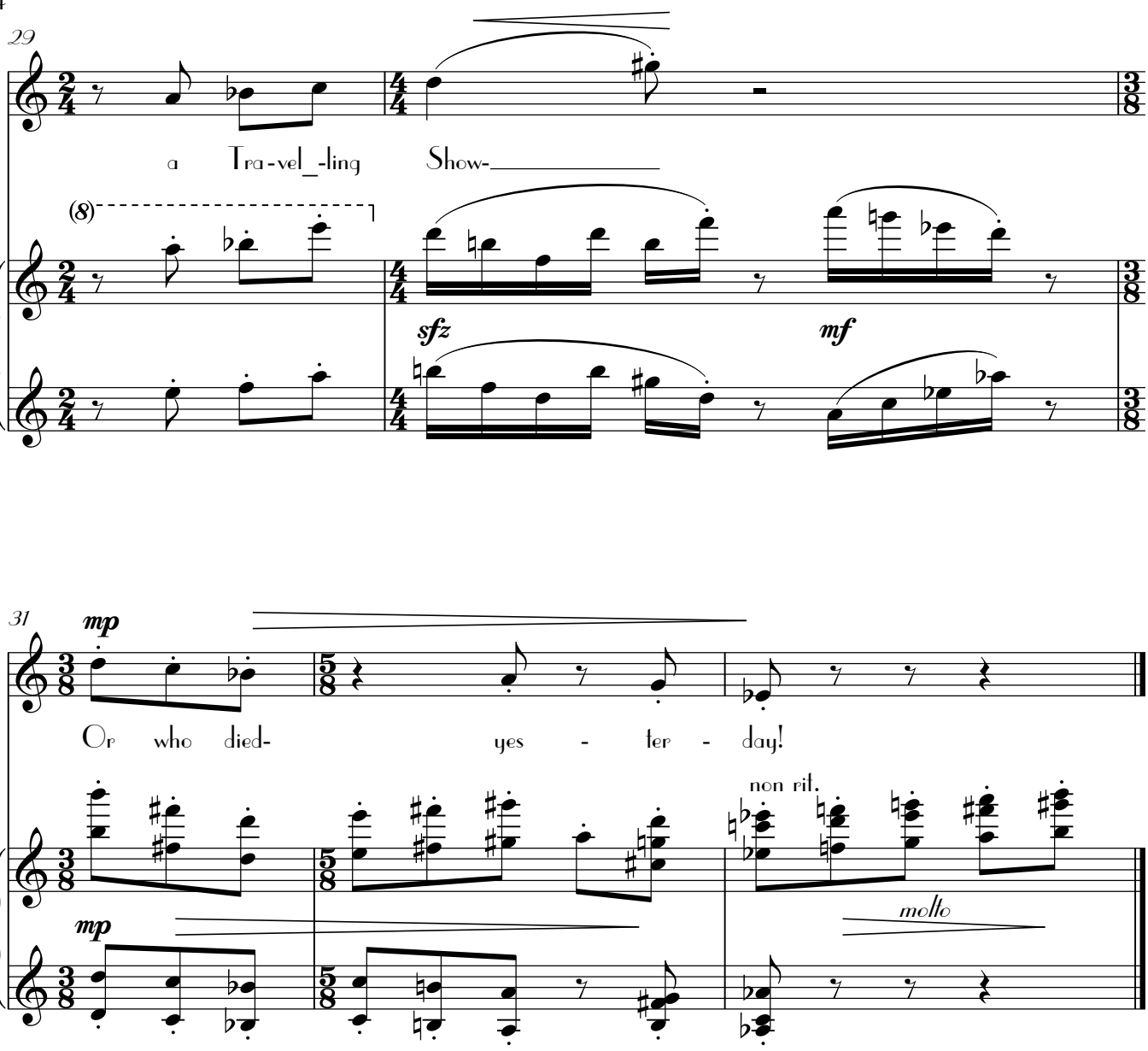

26
mp
My ti - mid - ness en - folds-
Haun-ting the___ Heart- Like
5
mp
29
mf
her trans-la - ted fa - ces-
sub. mp
Tea-sing the want-_
3
poco
mf
sub. mp
32
p
It-___ on - ly- can_ suf - fice!_____
8va
p

III. What if I say I shall not wait!

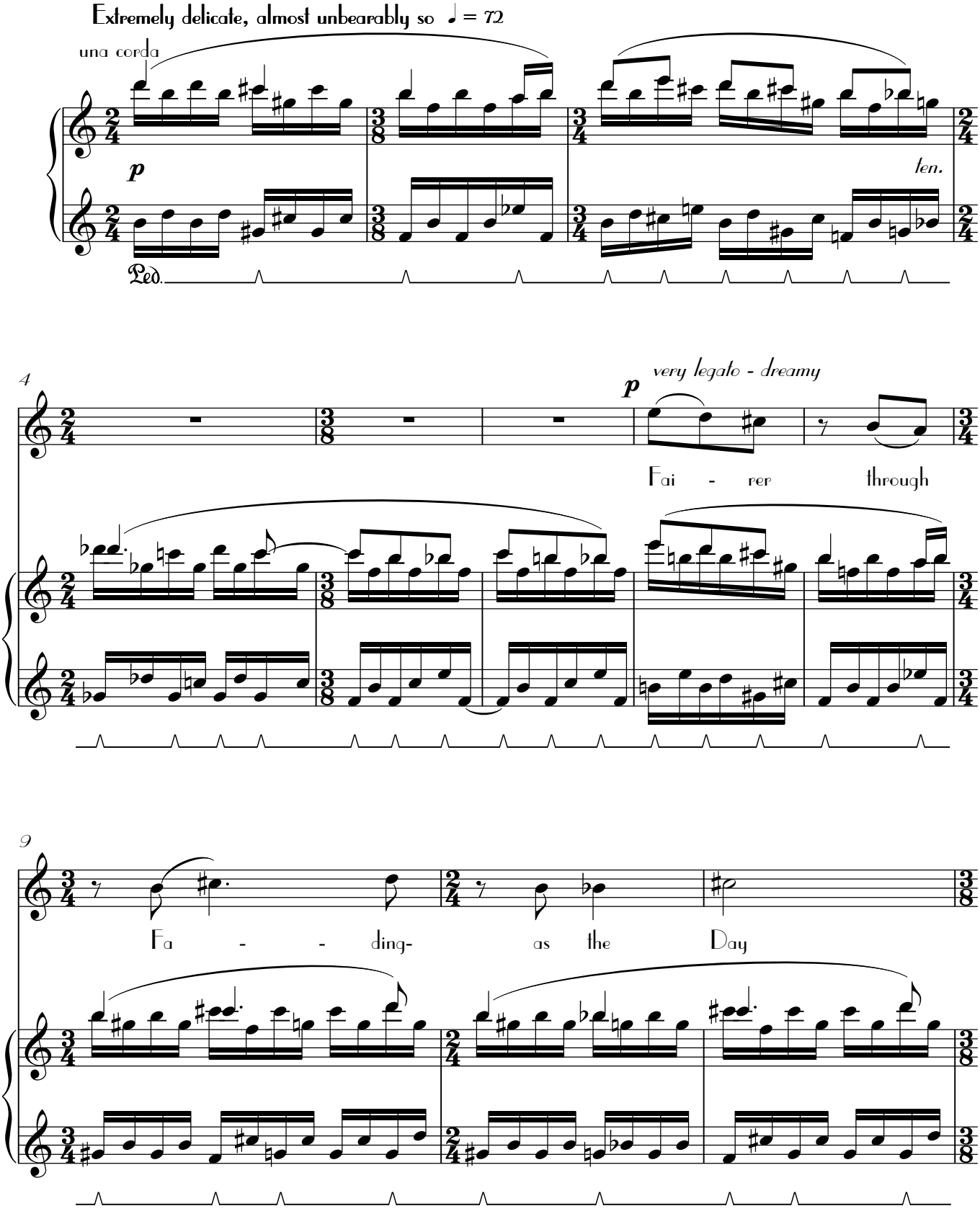


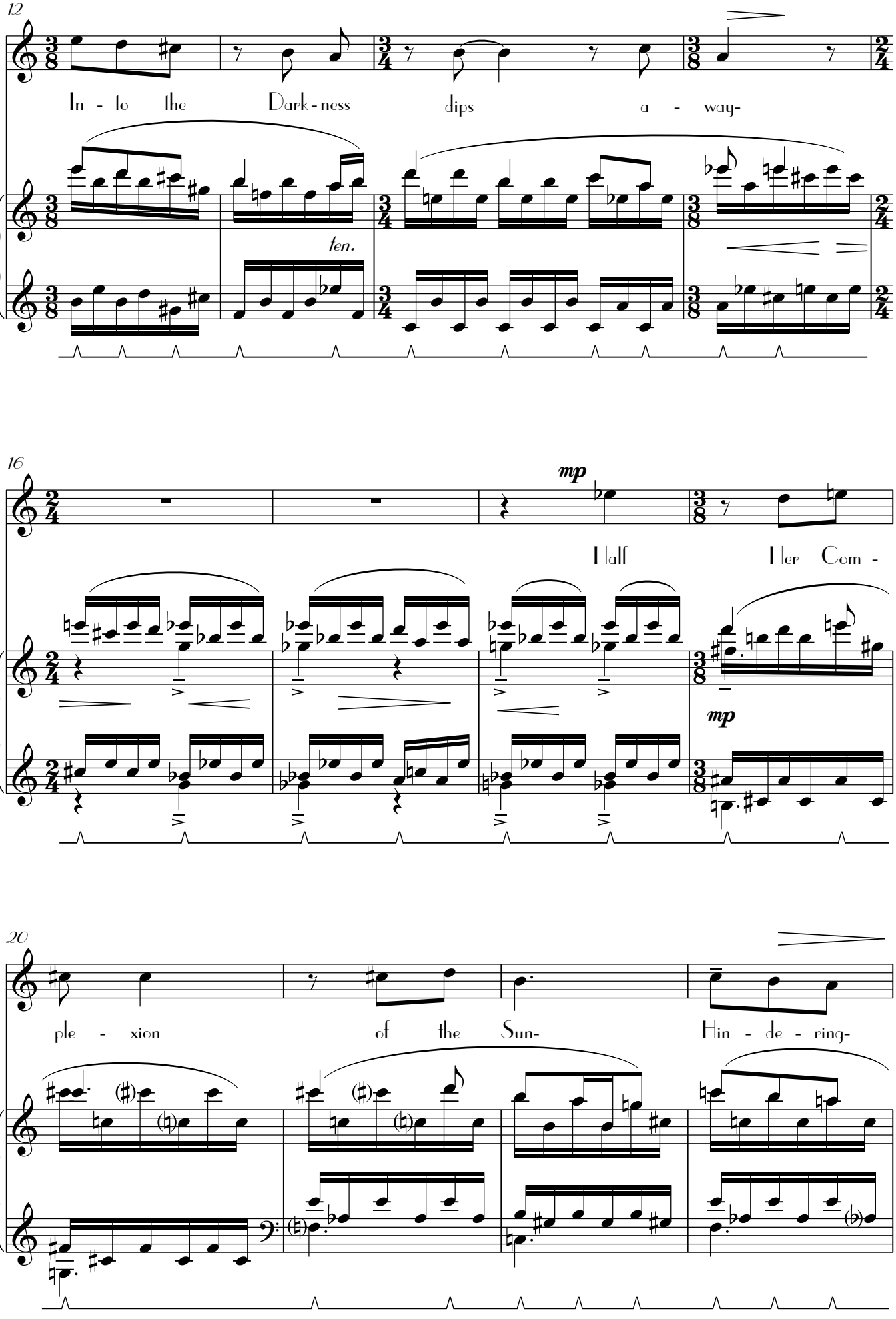

10
sub. ff
What if I file this Mor-tal- off-
Seewhere it hurt me- That's e -
sub. ff
13
(non dim)
nough-
And wade
8va
(non dim)
15
pesante
— in Li - ber - ty!
They can - not


19
take me- a - ny more!
Dun - geons can call- and Guns im -
Ped.
22
plore
mp
Un - mea-ning- now- to me-
sub. scherzando
mp
Ped.
25
p light-headed - heedless
As laugh-ter- was- an hour a - go-
p
Or La-ces- or
8va
p
sfz
mf


29
a Tra-vel_-ling Show-
(8)
sfz
mf
31
mp
Or who died- yes - ter - day!
non rit.
molto
mp

IV. The Perfect Look

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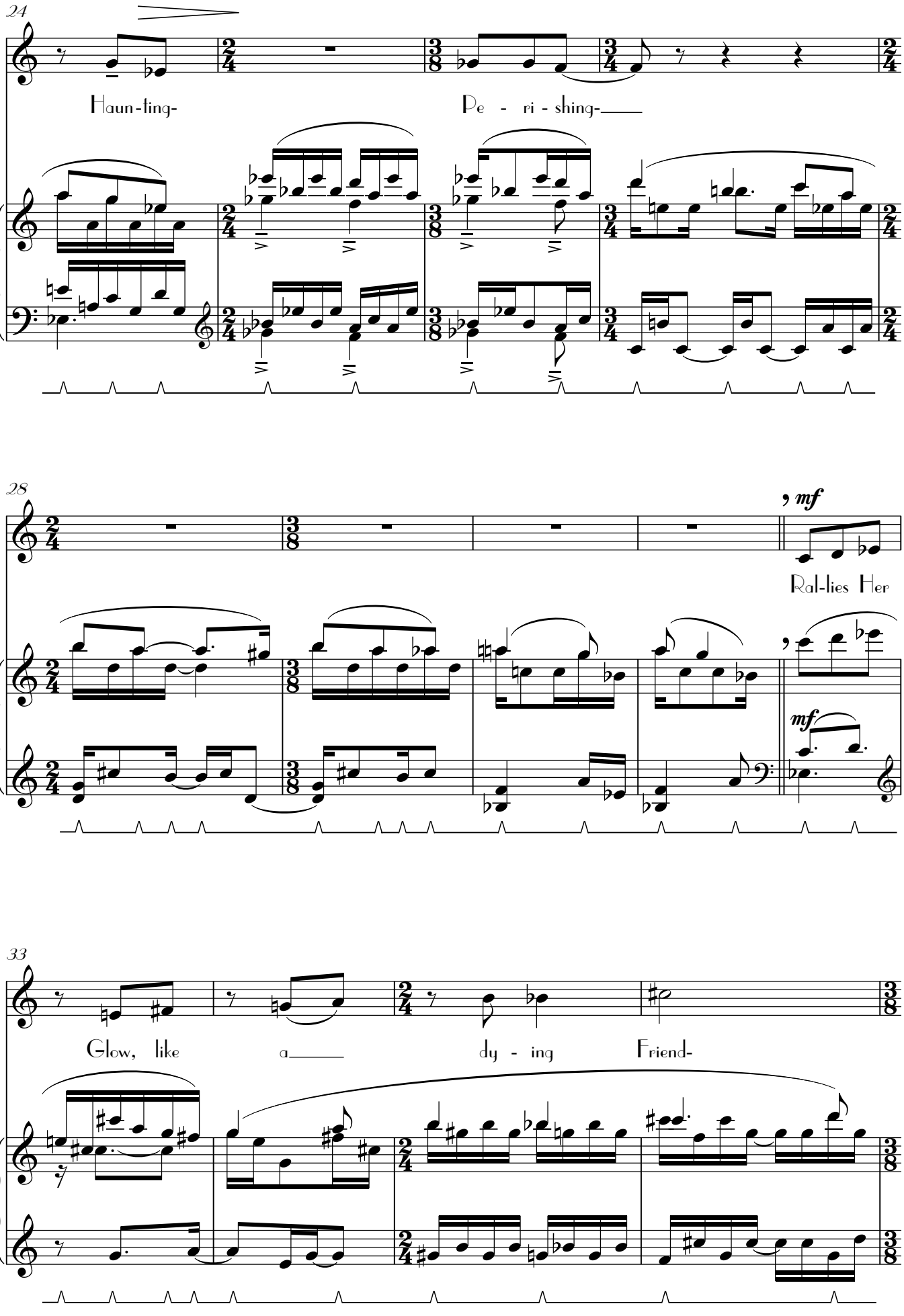
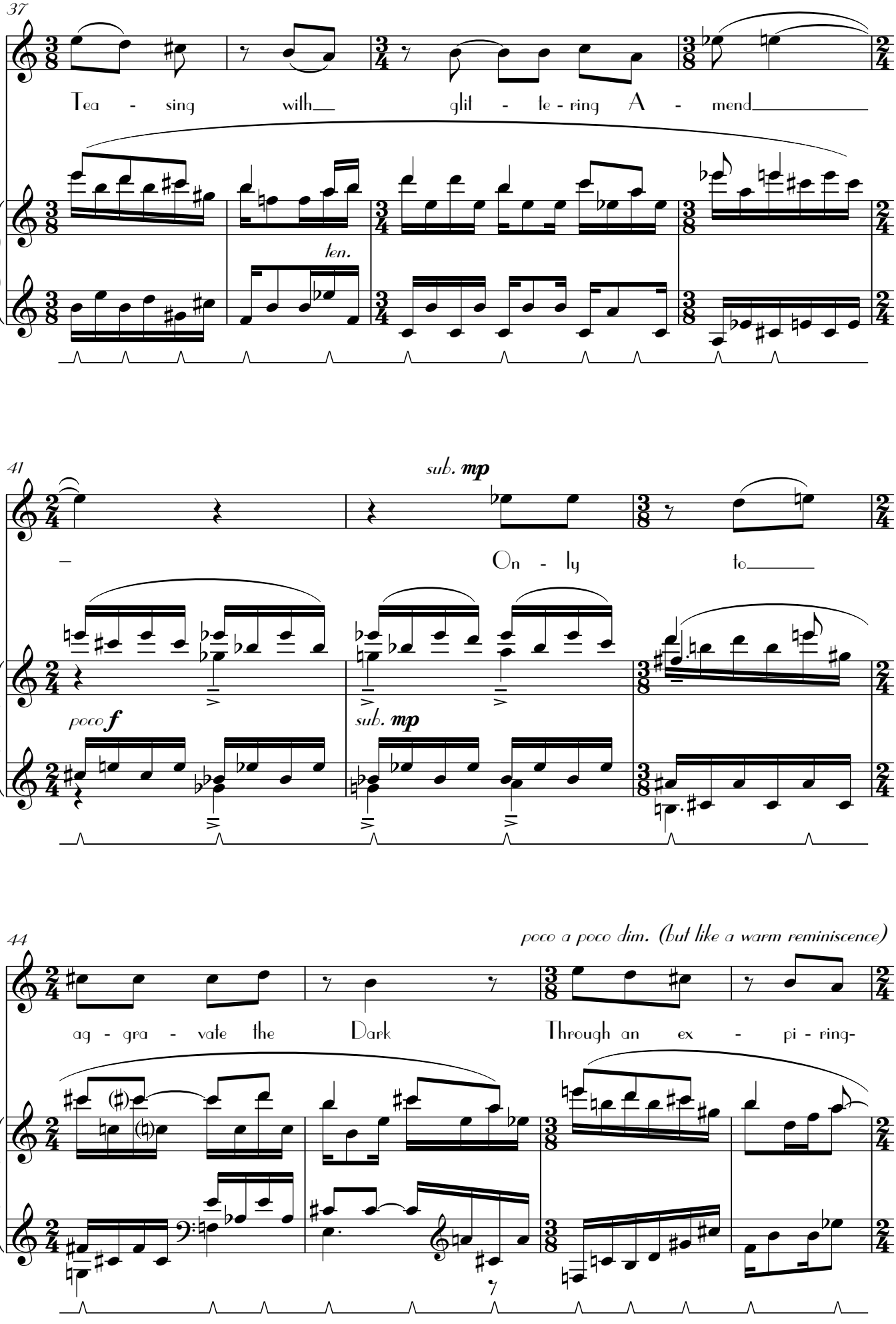
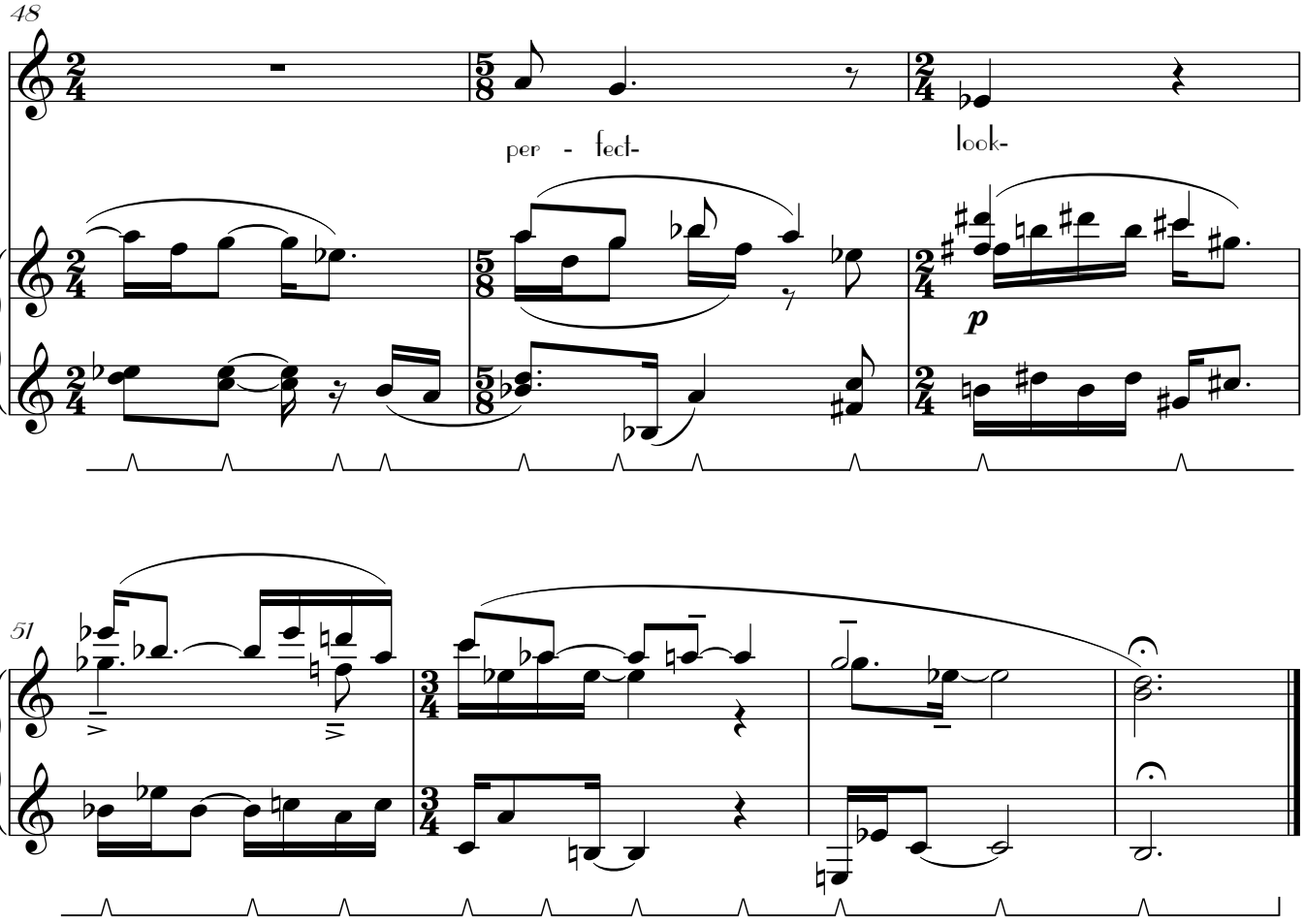
In - to the Dark - ness dips a - way-
ten.
16
mp
Half Her Com -
mp
20
ple - xion of the Sun- Hin - de - ring-

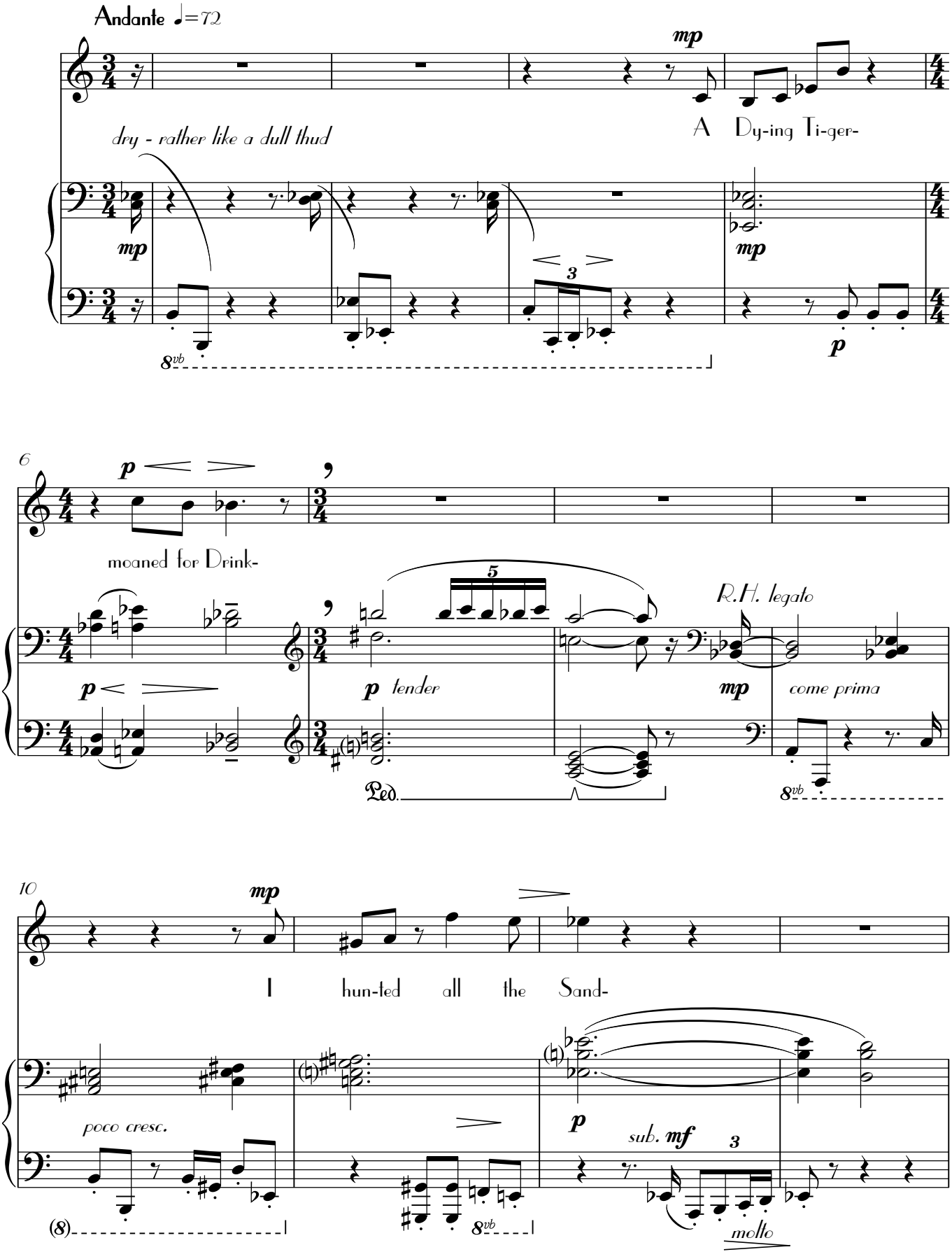

24
Haun-ting-
Pe - ri - shing-
28
mf
Ral-lies Her
mf
33
Glow, like
a
dy - ing
Friend-

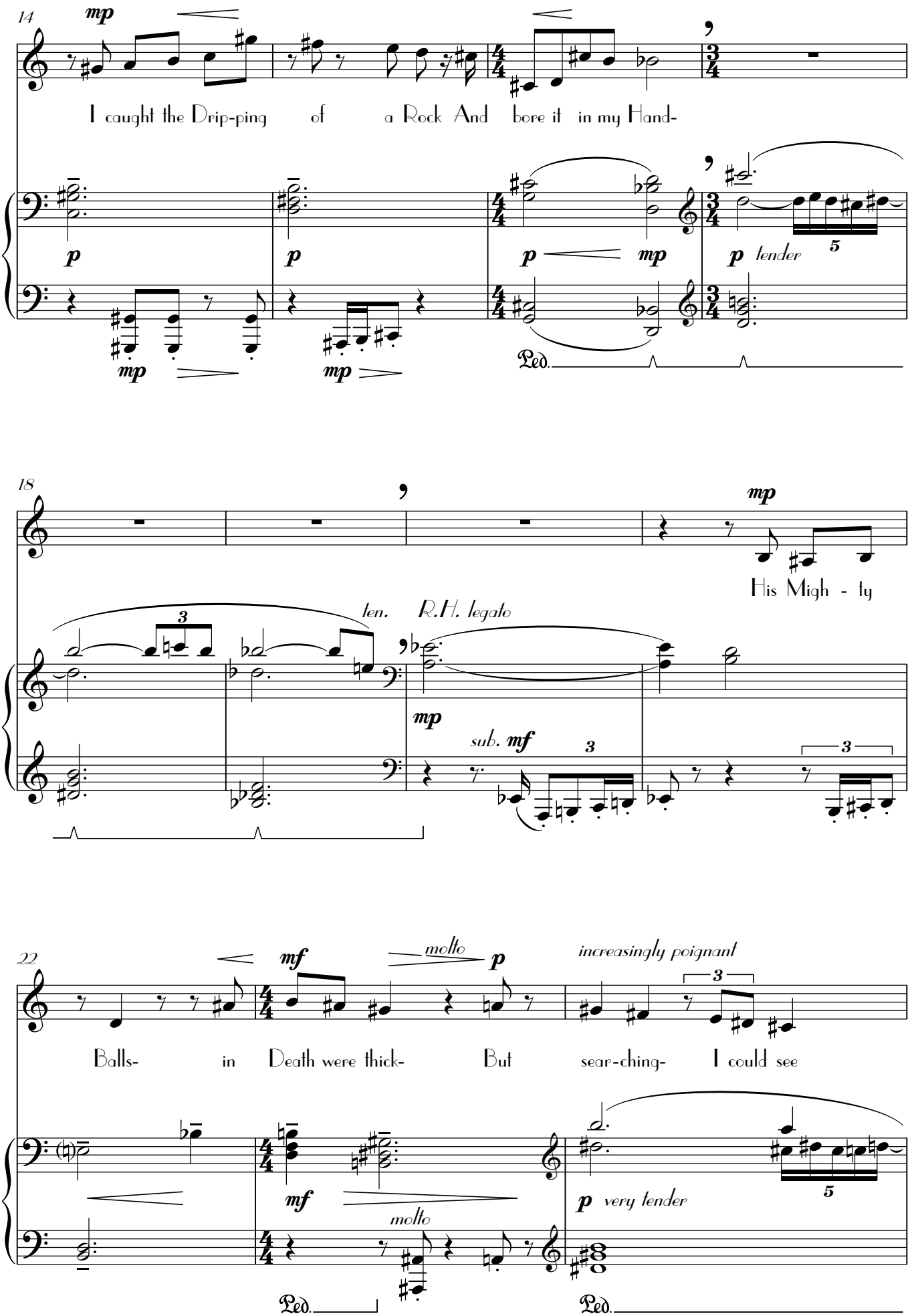

37
Tea - sing with glit - te - ring A - mend
ten.
41
sub. mp
On - ly to
poco f
sub. mp
44
poco a poco dim. (but like a warm reminiscence)
ag - gra - vate the Dark Through an ex - pi - ring-

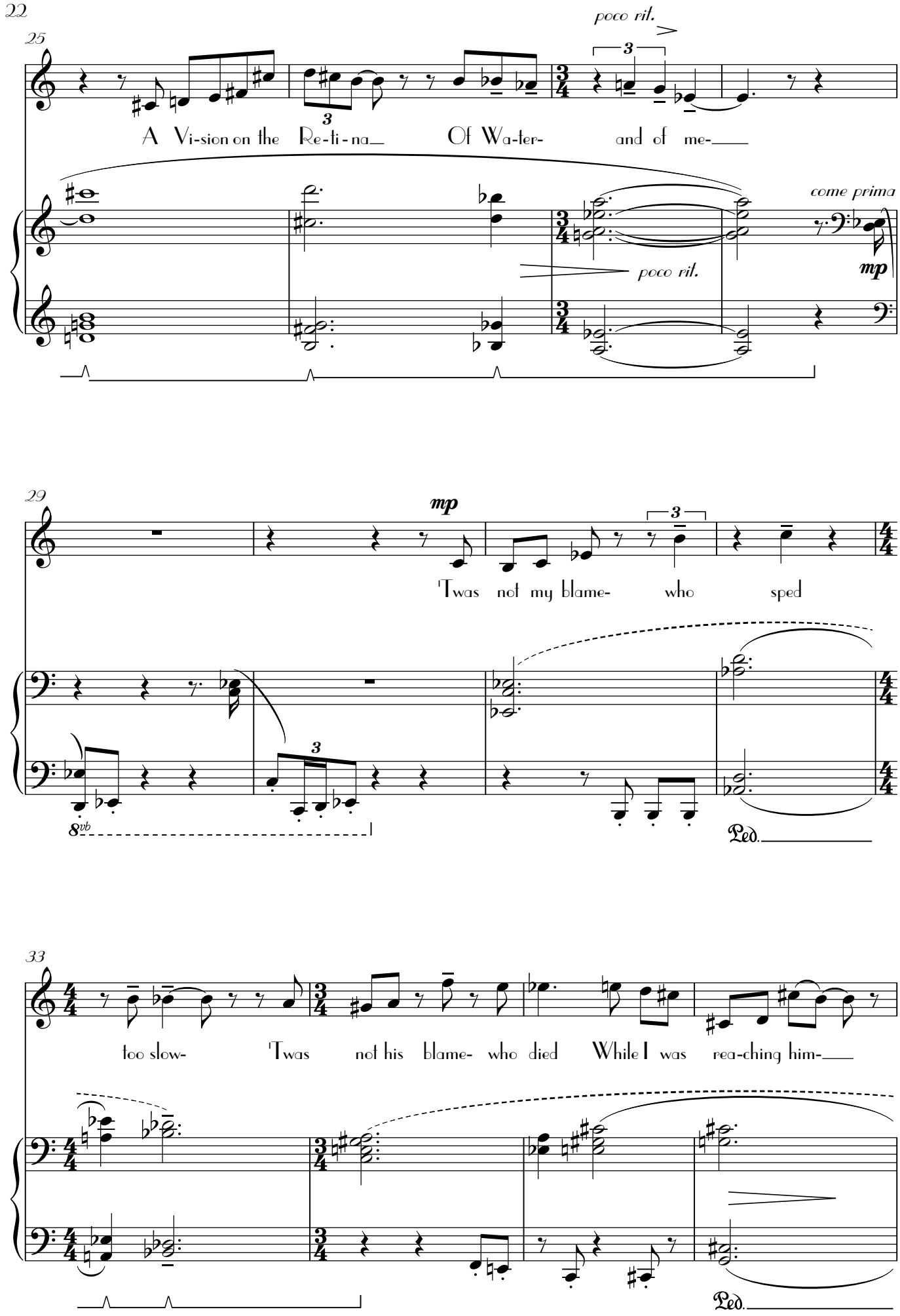

48
per - fect-
look-
p

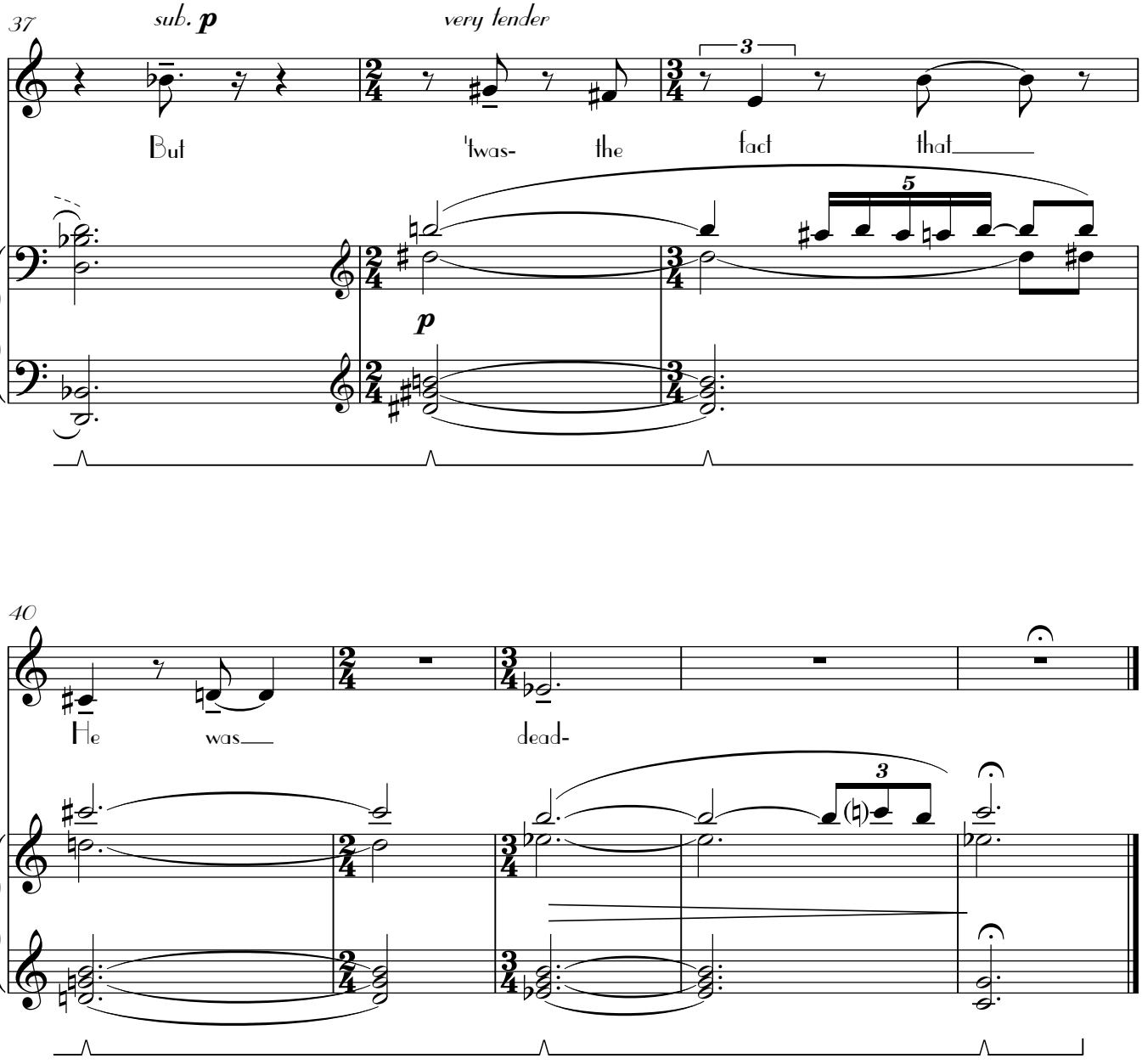
51

V. A Dying Tiger




14
mp
I caught the Drip-ping of a Rock And bore it in my Hand-
p
mp
p tender
Ped.
18
His Migh - ty
ten.
R.H. legato
sub. mf
22
mf
molto
p
increasingly poignant
Balls- in Death were thick- But sear-ching- I could see
very tender
Ped.


25
poco rit.
A Vi-sion on the Re-ti-na Of Wa-ter- and of me-
come prima
mp
poco rit.
29
mp
'Twas not my blame- who sped
8vb
Ped.
33
too slow- 'Twas not his blame- who died While I was rea-ching him-
Ped.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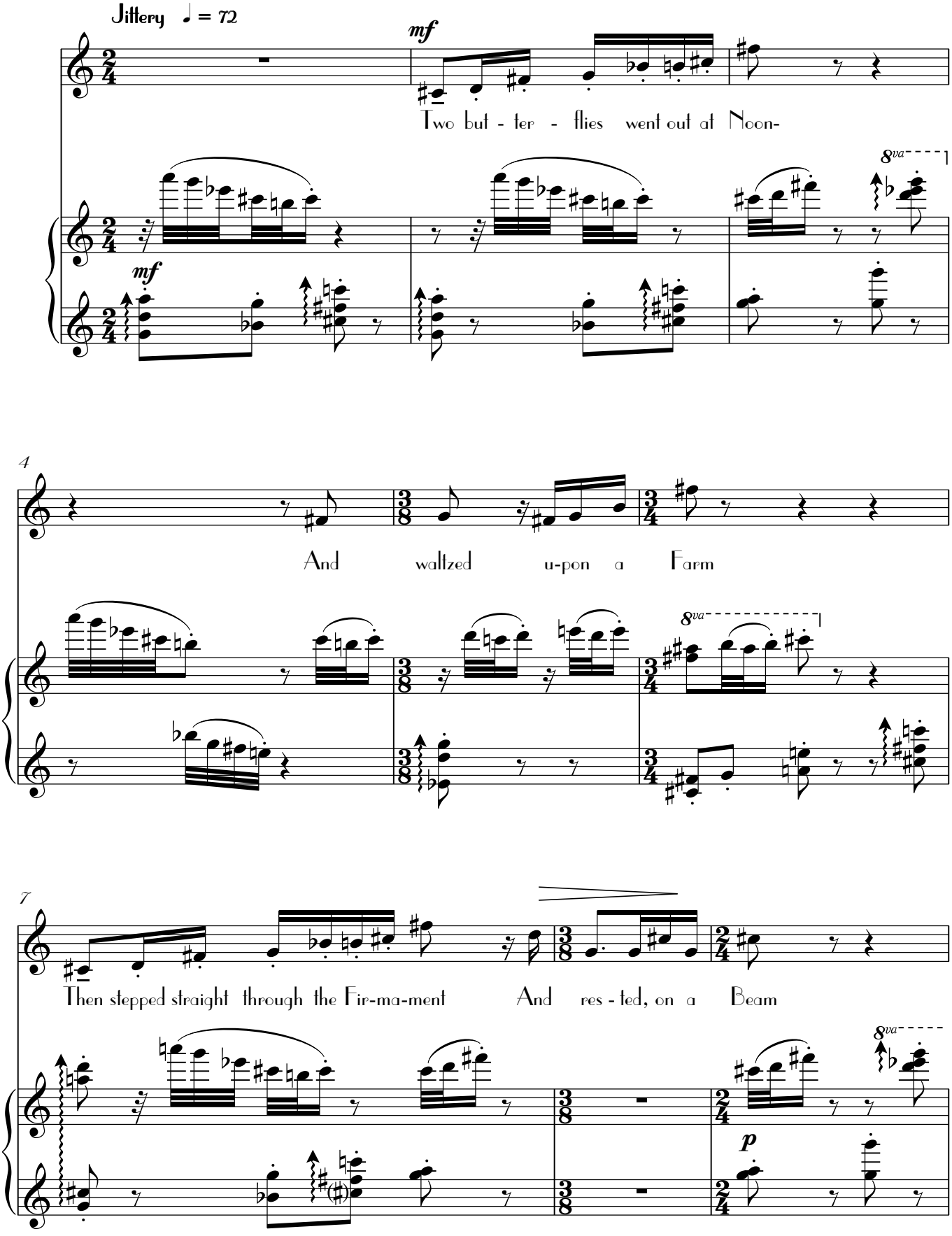
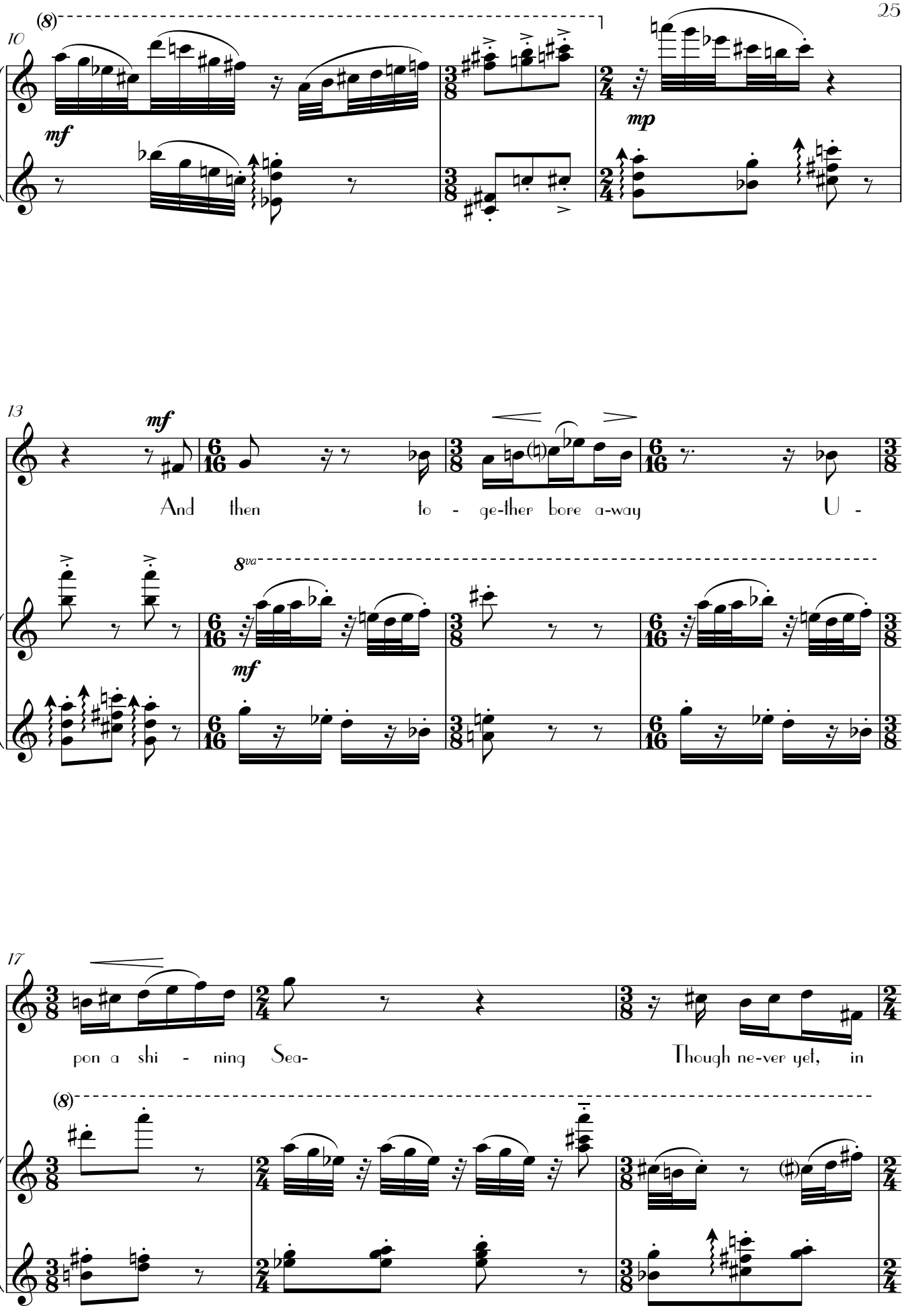
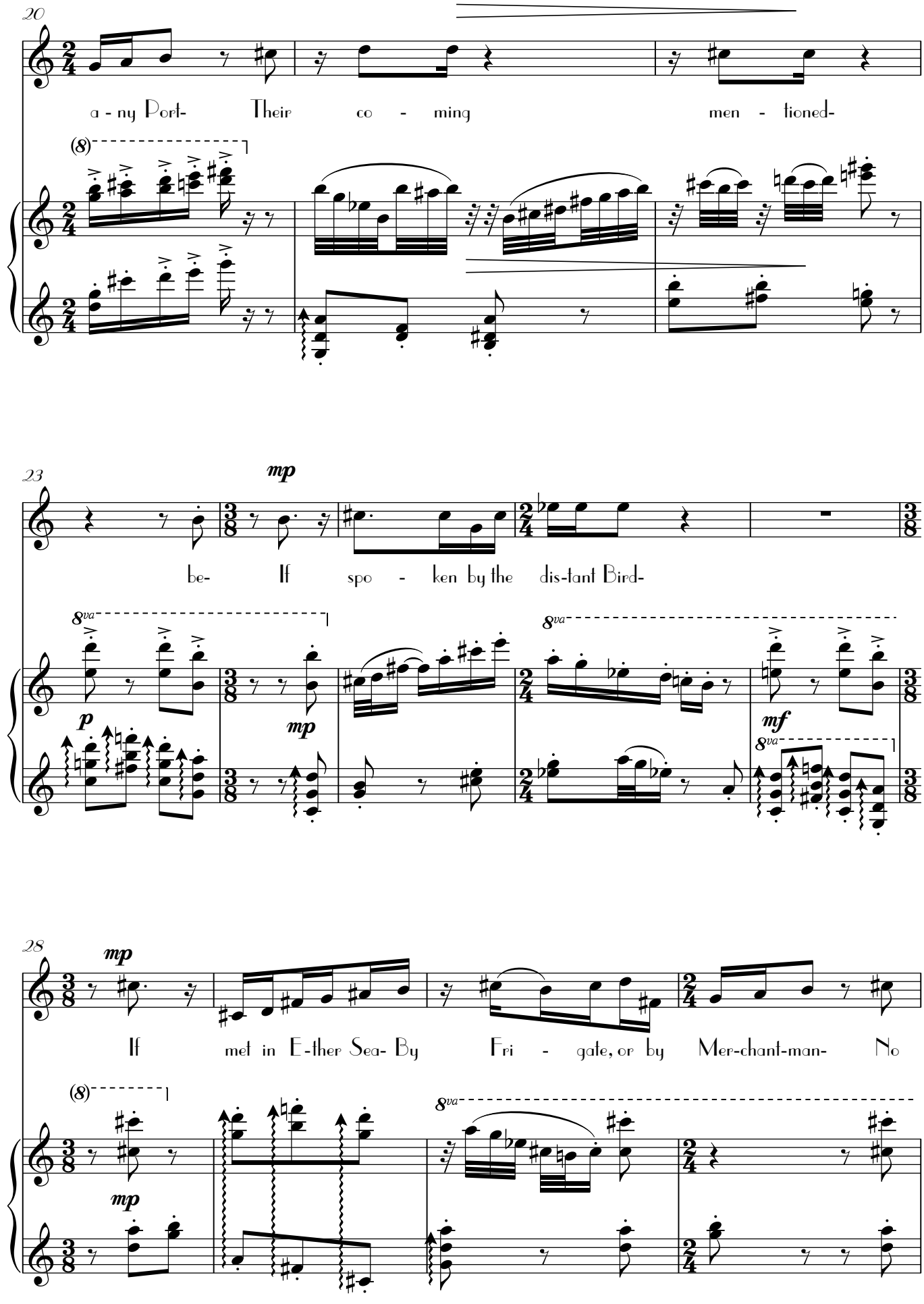
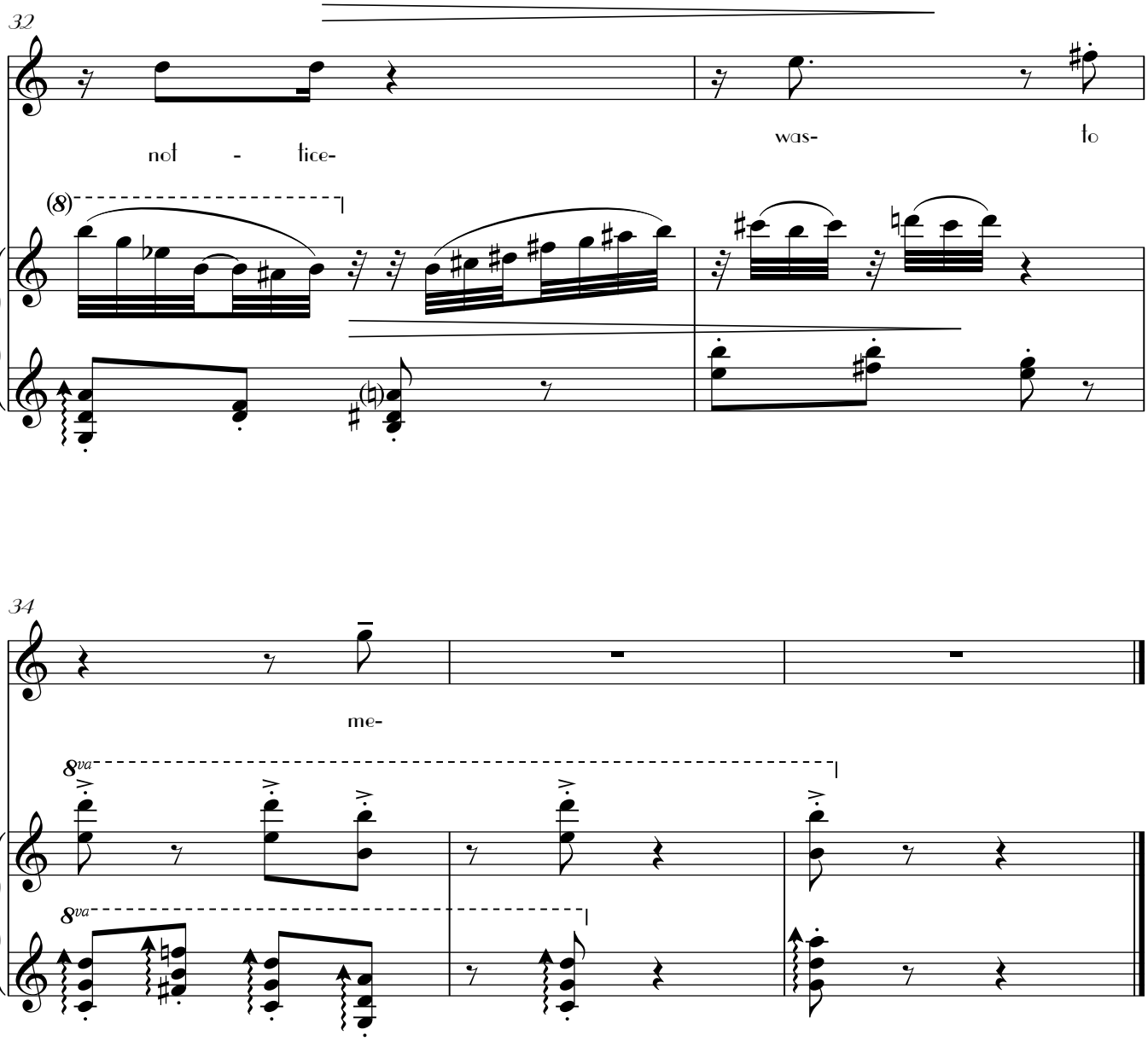
sub. p
very tender
But
'twas-
the
fact
that
p
40
He
was
dead-

VI. Two Butterflies




10
(8)
mf
mp
13
mf
And then to - ge-ther bore a-way U -
8va
mf
17
pon a shi - ning Sea-
Though ne-ver yet, in
(8)


20
a - ny Port- Their co - ming men - tioned-
23
mp
be- If spo - ken by the dis-tant Bird-
8va
p
mp
mf
28
mp
If met in E-ther Sea- By Fri - gate, or by Mer-chant-man- No
(8)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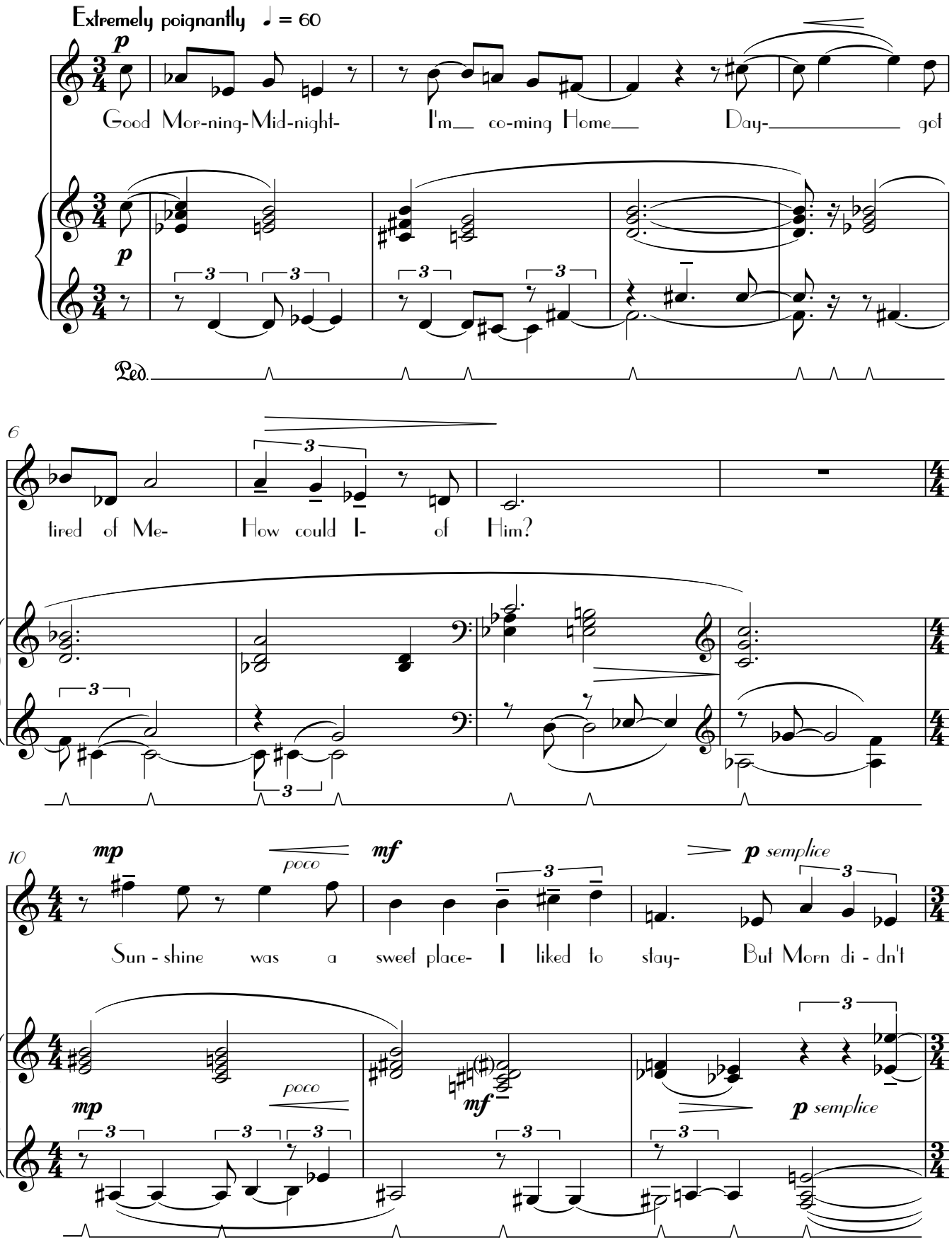
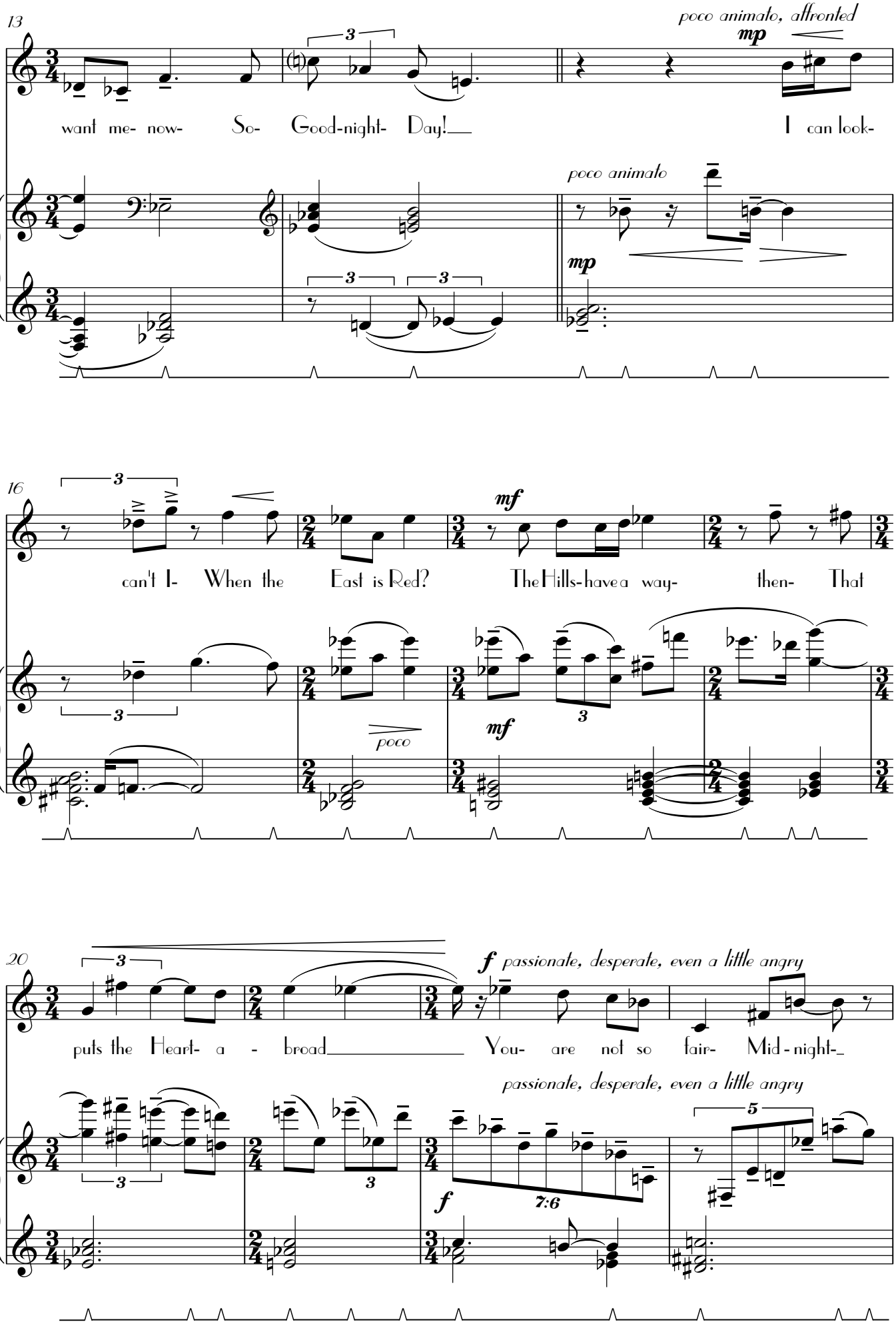
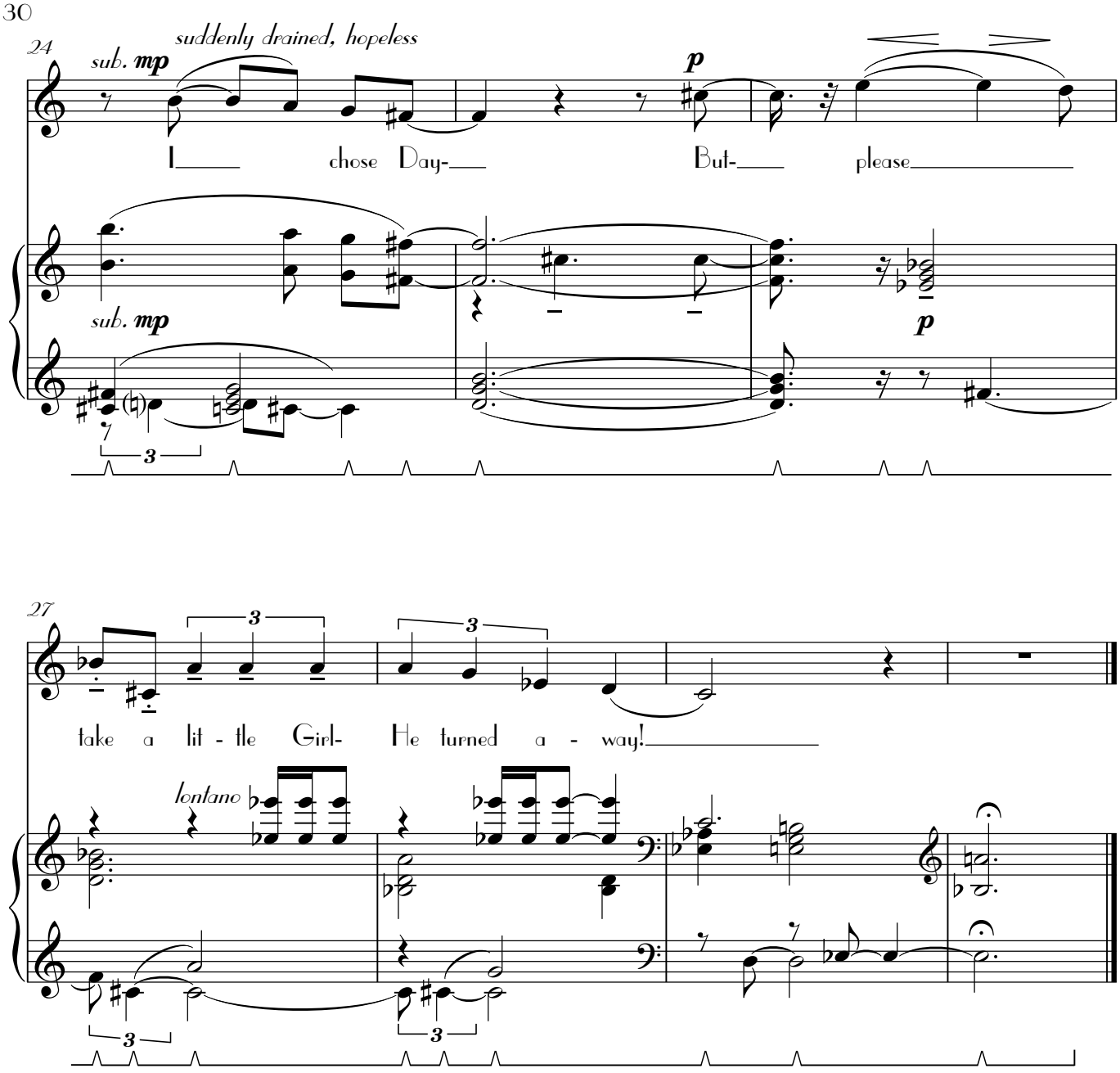
was-
to
(8)
34
me-
8va
8va

VII. Good Morning - Midnight




13
poco animato, affronted
mp
want me- now- So- Good-night- Day!
I can look-
poco animato
mp
16
mf
can't I- When the East is Red?
The Hills-have a way- then- That
poco
mf
20
f passionate, desperate, even a little angry
puts the Heart- a - broad
You- are not so fair- Mid-night-
passionate, desperate, even a little angry
f
7:6


24
suddenly drained, hopeless
sub. mp
p
I chose Day- But- please
sub. mp
p
3
27
3
3
take a lit - tle Girl- He turned a - way!
lontano
3
3